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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office action mailed March 18, 2003, responses to which were mailed on May 14, 2003 and June 16, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed on July 9, 2003. Applicant requests that the application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and arguments. A petition for a one-month extension is included herewith. It is respectfully noted that the response to the Final Office action was filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final action and, therefore, the extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) is calculated from the July 9, 2003 mailing date of the Advisory action.

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